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This message forwards below a Live Oak letter, subject: "Berlin Contingency Planning: Timing for an Initial Probe (S)". Signed by Gen Norstad to the Chief of Staff of National Defense France, to the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff, and Chairman, US Joint Chiefs of Staff. Gen Norstad's letter is quoted as follows:

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UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

17 November 1959

Subject: Berlin Contingency Planning: Timing for an Initial Probe (S).

To: Chairman, United States Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Chief of Staff of National Defense, France  
United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff

In reviewing the time factors which would be involved in executing an initial probe of Soviet intentions, I find that I will require a seven day advance warning from the three Governments to enable me to assemble and train the probe elements.

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